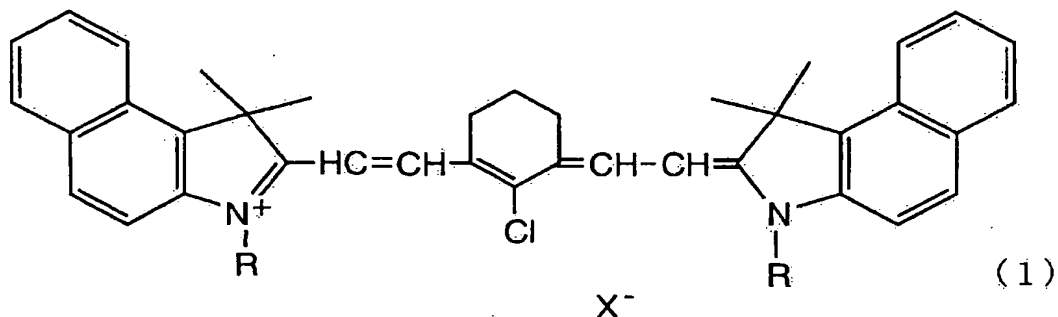


CLAIMS

1. An indolenine compound represented by the following general formula (1):

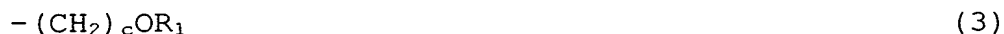


wherein R represents a group represented by the following general formula (2):



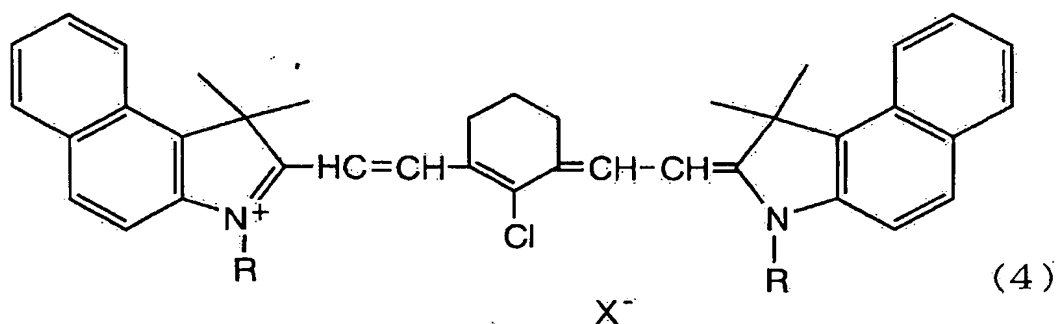
wherein a, b and c each represent an integer: a is 1 or 0; b and c each independently represent 1 or 2; and R_1 represents an alkyl group having 4 or less carbon atoms; and X^- represents BF_4^- , PF_6^- , I^- or NO_3^- .

2. The indolenine compound according to claim 1, wherein R represents the following general formula (3):



wherein c represents 1 or 2, and R_1 represents an alkyl group having 4 or less carbon atoms.

3. An infrared absorber containing as an active ingredient the indolenine compound according to claim 1 or 2.
4. A toner containing an indolenine compound represented by the following general formula (4):



wherein R represents a group represented by the following general formula (5):



wherein a, b and c each represent an integer: a is 1 or 0; b and c each independently represent 1 or 2; and R₁ represents an alkyl group having 4 or less carbon atoms; and X⁻ represents an ion for neutralization of an electric charge.

5. The toner according to claim 4, wherein R represents the following general formula (6):



wherein c represents 1 or 2, and R₁ represents an alkyl group having 4 or less carbon atoms.

6. The toner according to claim 4 or 5, wherein X⁻ represents BF₄⁻, PF₆⁻, I⁻, NO₃⁻ or SbF₆⁻